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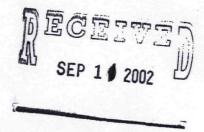
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September 6, 2002

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Subject:

Eastern Michaud Flats Superfund Site - Simplot Plant Area Remedial Design/Remedial Action Monthly Progress Report No. 4 (August 2002)

Dear Ms. Meyer:

This letter documents the progress made in the remedial design/remedial action at the Simplot Plant Area portion of the Eastern Michaud Flats Superfund Site. This progress report has been prepared in accordance with the requirements of Paragraph 29 of the Consent Decree and of the Statement of Work (SOW).

I. Activities/Tasks

The following principal actions were performed:

- Simplot submitted the East Overflow Pond Construction Completion Report, the Pre-Final Dewatering Pit Remedial Design Report (RDR), the Prefinal Gypsum Roads RDR, the Draft Groundwater Extraction RDR, the Pre-Final Groundwater Monitoring RDR and the draft Institutional Controls Program report;
- The Project Scoping Meeting was held in Pocatello on August 6. The meeting was attended by representatives of EPA and its contractors, IDEQ, the ShoBan Tribes, and Simplot and its contractors.
- Simplot submitted the Project Scoping Document;
- Simplot submitted a Sampling and Analysis Plan to support remedial design for the Dewatering Pit;
- Simplot submitted a Health and Safety Plan for field work in support of remedial design;
- Simplot recorded the approved notice to successors in title at the Recorder's Office,
 Bannock County, and provided EPA with a certified copy of the recorded notice; and
- Simplot performed a voluntary groundwater monitoring event.

The following principal actions are expected in the period from September 1 to October 15:

- Simplot will submit a work plan for field work in support of groundwater extraction system design and anticipates performing the field work in early October;
- Simplot will perform sampling of the Dewatering Pit, most likely the second week of September; and
- Simplot will initiate revision of design documents submitted in August, if Agency comments
 are received. As discussed at the project meeting, we also feel it would be beneficial to have



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a technical meeting on the groundwater extraction design prior to EPA issuing formal comments on the draft design report.

II. Laboratory Activities and Data Generated

A voluntary groundwater sampling event was performed in August. Samples are being analyzed by the laboratory and results are expected to be provided in the next monthly progress report.

III. Deliverables and Milestones Completed in Reporting Period

Deliverables are described above in Section I.

IV. Deliverables and Milestones Expected to be Completed in Next Reporting Period.

See Section I.

V. Issues Identified and Actions Taken to Provide Resolution

None.

VI. Activities Undertaken in Support of the Community Relations Plan

None.

I hope this provides you with the information you require. Please do not hesitate to call me @ (208) 389-7558 if you have any questions or comments.

Sincerely, Ward & Wolfer

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